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Applicant INTERNATIONAL GAME TECHNOLOGY			

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

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<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of <u>0</u> sheets.</p> <p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application 		
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III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. The question whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been and will not be examined in respect of:

☐ the entire international application,

☒ claims Nos. 15-47

because:

☐ the said international application, or the said claim Nos. _____ relate to the following subject matter which does not require international preliminary examination (*specify*):

☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. _____ are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. _____ are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

☒ no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. 15-47

2. A meaningful international preliminary examination cannot be carried out due to the failure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing to comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions:

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PCT/US01/32368**V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>2 and 9-14</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1 and 3-8</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-14</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-14</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1 and 3-8 lacks novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Pease (5759102).

Claims 2 lacks an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Pease in view of Johnson (5923885). Pease discloses the invention but lacks firewall. However it is known as admitted by background disclosure remote gaming (1:16-4:23) with a plurality of entities. Specifically, to protect sensitive data in a network a firewall is used for increasing security or to protect the data. Johnson discloses method or system using a firewall to protect sensitive data in a network. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a routineer to add firewall as known and disclosed by Johnson to Pease's game to protect sensitive data.

Claims 9-14 lacks an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Pease in view of Brown (5921947) and Boushy (5761647). Pease discloses the invention but lacks the plurality of entities and the privileges claimed therein. However, it is known for a plurality of entities to own terminals and software such as affiliates and for remote gaming (1:16-4:23). Boushy further demonstrates a plurality of entities owning terminals and software components which inherently have privileges. Also, Brown teaches entities and the privileges in a network to permit access for entities with appropriate privileges while protecting data therein. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a routineer at a time prior to the invention to add the plurality of entites and privileges as claimed as suggested by Boushy in conjunction with Brown to Pease game system and method to permit access while protecting data therein.

Claims 1-14 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), because the prior art has industrial applicability as gaming terminal data repository.

NEW CITATIONS

US 5,761,647 A (BOUSHY) 02 June 1998, 2:5-3:30, figs 1-12.

US 5,923,885 A (JOHNSON et al) 13 July 1999, 5:66-6:32.